

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG, JA  
SUBJECT: US ENVIRONMENTALIST CRITICIZES PALAU CTS

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE JAPAN TIMES MARCH 10 REPORTED THAT JULIAN GRESSER, IDENTIFIED AS HARVARD ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CAMPAIGNING ACTIVELY HERE TO STIMULATE JAPANESE OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CRUDE OIL TRANSIT STATION (CTS) ON PALAU.

2. GRESSER, WHO ARRIVED IN JAPAN IN LATE FEBRUARY, HAS ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT PETITION DEMANDING RECONSIDERATION OF PROJECT TO JAPANESE DIET ON BEHALF OF 14 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. DIET SECRETARIAT AT FIRST DECLINED TO RECEIVE PETITION FROM FOREIGNER BUT LATER AGREED TO RESTUDY POSSIBILITY OF FORMALLY ACCEPTING DOCUMENT.

3. GRESSER'S ARGUMENT STRESSES ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE  
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AND HEALTH HAZARDS OF CTS PROJECT. HE CLAIMS PROJECT BEING PUSHED BY BUSINESS INTERESTS WITHOUT EITHER CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ, USG AND PALAUANS OR ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF GRESSER IS AWARE OF PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND US SENATE HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24 WITH PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PALAU.

4. COVERAGE IN VERNACULAR PRESS, EVEN THOUGH SLIGHT, INDICATES GRESSER HAS SUCCEEDED IN GETTING SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM SOME JAPANESE CONSERVATIONISTS.

5. PRESS REPORTS SAY GRESSER TO PRESENT PETITIONS TO USG AND UN AT LATER DATE.

6. EMBASSY REPORTING SEPARATELY ON CURRENT TRIP TO JAPAN BY PALAU CONGRESSMAN TOSHIO NAKAMURA, WHO IS INITIATING JAPANESE ATTITUDES TOWARDS CTS PROPOSAL.  
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